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1. MISSION STRONGLY SUPPORTS AMBASSADOR BRUCE'S REQUEST CONTAINED FINAL PARA REFTEL. WE BELIEVE THAT A QUICK NATO RESPONSE, EVEN IF INITIALLY SMALL, TO TURKEY'S IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPARE PARTS WOULD PAY HIGH PSYCHOLOGICAL DIVIDENDS.

2. INFORMATION NEEDED FOR ANALYSIS SHOULD BE READILY AVAILABLE TO WASHINGTON THROUGH AMC, AFLC, AND NAVILCO. TURKS THEMSELVES ARE AT THIS STAGE PROBABLY SENSITIVE ABOUT RELEASING TO NATO INFORMATION REFLECTING THEIR CURRENT MILITARY CAPABILITIES.

3. IN ADDITION TO ANALYZING SPARE PARTS REQUIREMENTS AND MATCHING POSSIBLE NATO SOURCES OF SUPPLY, WE SUGGEST THAT ANALYSIS INCLUDE OVERHAUL FACILITIES, SUCH AS FOR JET ENGINES, THAT TURKEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE.

4. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE ONLY FRAGMENTARY DATA ON SPARE PARTS AVAILABILITY IN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AND ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF

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EACH CASE, WE VOLUNTEER FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ON HOW OTHER

NATO MEMBERS MIGHT MEET TURKISH NEEDS:

A. PRODUCTION FACILITIES WHICH ARE OPERATING UNDER U.S. LICENSE PERMITTING SALES TO OTHER NATO COUNTRIES WITHOUT THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFER AUTHORIZATION MIGHT BE ABLE TO MEET SPARE PART NEEDS FOR F-104S'S (TURKEY HAS 37), F-104S'S (TURKEY HAS 18), AND BELL HELICOPTERS.

B. NATIONAL PRODUCTION FACILITIES NOT OPERATING UNDER U.S. LICENSE COULD PERHAPS SUPPLY PRIMERS FOR 20 MM AMMUNITION, COMMON SPARES FOR SOME SHIPS, TORPEDO BATTERIES, AND SPARE PARTS FOR MILITARY JEEPS, TRUCKS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.

C. SINCE MOST EQUIPMENT IN TURKEY'S INVENTORY IS OBSOLESCEMENT IN OTHER NATO COUNTRIES, PARTS MIGHT BE OBTAINED FROM EXCESS STOCKS OR CANNIBALIZATION FOR ITEMS SUCH AS F-100'S (TURKEY HAS 166), M-47 AND M-48 TANKS, AND ARTILLERY PIECES.

D. WE UNDERSTAND THAT, IF TURKEY PAYS DUES FORMERLY COVERED BY MAP, NAMSA CAN HELP WITH 13 ITEMS INCLUDING THE NIKE, SIDE WINDER AND HONEST JOHN MISSILES.
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